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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN

EYES ONLY FOR AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR MACDONALD

1. LAST SATURDAY I PUT IN THE POUCH A LETTER TO YOU
CONCERNING KEVIN O'DONNELL WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

I HAVE YOUR LONG AND ELOQUENT LETTER OF
MARCH 4, AND BELIEVE I UNDERSTAND IT. I AM
SORRY TO HAVE TO CONTINUE THIS DISPUTE WITH AN
OLD FRIEND.

GIVEN THE SIZE OF OUR AID PROGRAM HERE AT THE
MOMENT -- NEXT TO NOTHING -- THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION
FOR A SENIOR AID ADMINSTRATOR. THERE IS
AMPLE JUSTIFICATION FOR KEEPING AN EXCEPTIONALLY
ABLE YOUNG MAN WHO HAS ALREADY PROVEN THAT HE CAN
WORK EFFECTIVELY AS PART OF THIS TEAM, AND
FOR GIVNIG HIM THE TITLE THAT PROPERLY
ACCOMPANIES THE RESPONSIBILITY.

DESPITE YOUR RESERVATIONS, THE MORE I SEE OF
KEVIN O'DONNELL THE MORE HIGHLY I REGARD HIM.
I WANT HIM AS AID DIRECTOR HERE, AND AM WILLING
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TO EXPLAIN WHY TO MR. PARKER, DR. KISSINGER OR

THE WHITE HOUSE CLEARANCE FOLKS, IF YOU THINK WE
HAVE REACHED AN IMPASSE. TO KEEP HIM ON AS
ACTING DIRECTOR FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD IS NOT
FAIR TO HIM, NOR DO I THINK IT THE RIGHT WAY TO
ORGANIZE THIS MISSION.

YOU ASK WHAT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO. I WOULD
STILL VERY MUCH LIKE YOU TO MOVE KEVIN O'DONNELL'S
NAME UP THROUGH THE BUREAUCRACY FOR A RE-ASSIGNMENT
TO DELHI FOR ANOTHER TOUR, WITH THE TITLE OF
DIRECTOR.

UNQUOTE

2. I NOW NEED A DECISION SOONER THAN OUR LEISURELY
POUCH SERVICE WILL PERMIT. WOULD YOU PLEASE REPLY BY
TELEGRAM AND I HOPE THAT YOUR REPLY WILL BE FAVORABLE.
MOYNIHAN

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